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Histadruth Oneg Shabbat

Rabbi B. Kravetz of the Ottawa Talmud Torah will be the guest speaker of the Histadruth Oneg Shabbat at the Cong. Adath Jeshurun, King Edward Ave., Friday, January 8th at 8.30 p.m. The members of the Pioneer Women will act as hostesses at tea in the vestry rooms following the services.

Notice: The Oneg Shabbat gatherings will be held in the Cong. Agudath Achim, Rideau St., beginning Friday night, January 15. The Zemiroth program will be conducted by Cantor Aron Weiss, and Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman will lead in the reading of English psalms and deliver the sermons.

Topics for the other Oneg Shabbat meetings in January cannot yet be published, as plans are being made for a Y. P. L. Sabbath and Breakfast Club Sabbath, the latter being scheduled tentatively for January 29th.

LIONEL GELBER AT Y. P. L.

Mr. David Wolochow, the president of the Young People's League, promises his members an outstanding meeting at the Talmud Torah on Sunday night, January 31st., when Mr Lionel Gelber of Toronto, the well-known author, will be the speaker. It is expected that Mr. Gelber will deal in his address with problems of the coming peace, a subject upon which he has written much.

Blood is urgently needed at the Red Cross Blood Donor Service on Metcalfe Street. Give blood to save lives!

FOR CHALUTZIM CAMPAIGN RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL

Mr. or Mrs. H. SHINDER.

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Overseas Honor Roll

The following Ottawa men on active service have arrived overseas in recent weeks:

Baker, P/O E.; Berger, F/L S.; Berman. Lt. P.; Edelstein, Lt. H. Gluck, AC. 1 L.; Gosevich; Pte. J. Greenberg, Pte. E.; Greenberg, Pte. H.; Harris. Pte. B.; Hyman, Lt. B.; Middleman, Lt. D.; Slack, Pte. L.; Slack, Pte. S.; Viner, Pte. M.

Families of men who have arrived overseas, please notify Mr. D. Mirsky of the Rideau Smoke Shop at 3-0676 or 3-90 8, so that the cigarettes sent by the War Services Committee may reach your boys at the proper address. Also advise Mr. Mirsky of any change in overseas address.

Air Cadets Program

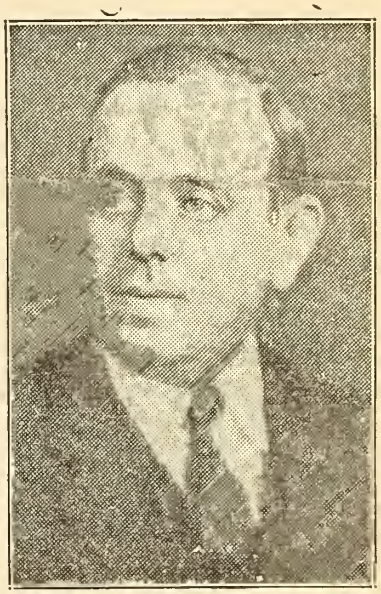
The 54th Ottawa Maccabee Squadron, Air Cadets of Canada, is pleased to announce a concert and demonstration of activities at the Capital Theatre, Ottawa, on Sunday evening February 7th, 1943, at 8.30 p.m. A varied program has been arranged consisting of music by the R.C.A.F. central band, a National Film Board Production, precision drill by the Air Cadets, and other items of interest.

The concert is intended to serve the dual purpose of raising funds for the squadron, which has more than doubled its enlistment since its inception in October 1941, and to familiarize the Ottawa public wih some phases of the cadets' activities.

OTTAWANS IN THE NEWS.

Lorne Green is the recent winner of the Davis Award given to the best radio news announcer in eastern United States and Canada....Eva Bilsky has written a book for children, "What Happened After", that has been warmly received by the critics.... Major Sam Mirsky was pictured some weeks ago together with General Montgomery, the man who destroyed the myth of Rommel invincibility.

Chalutzim Campaign Sunday



DAVID WERTHEIM,
Speaker.

Mr. David Wertheim, the General Secretary of the Poale-Zion and Zeire Zion parties of America, will be the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Ottawa Chalutzim Campaign, to be held in the Talmud Torah Auditorium on January 10th at 6.30 p.m.

Descended from a long line of rabbis, Mr. Wertheim is equipped with a rich heritage of Jewish learning and folklore that flavors his Jewish consciousness with distinct individuality. His thorough familiarity with the practical problems in Zionism grows from his activity in the movement through his own party and through the Keren Hayesod, Keren Kayemeth, the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, in all of which agencies he is an energetic member.

Mr. A. L. Achbar, the Chairman of the Campaign, will preside at the dinner, and greetings will be extended by the young man of the Histadruth ideal, Mr. E. M. Lerner. The Shomer Hazair will sing Palestinian songs.

As campaign manager, Mr. Harry Shinder is in charge of reservations.

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Shalom, David Wertheim

The man who is coming to address the dinner of the Histadruth, Mr. David Wertheim, is an important figure in Jewish life not only because of the position he holds in Zionism but because of the magnetism men feel in his character. His gifts of expression and his ability on a platform do not tempt him to utter the meaningless platitudes that people will accept without any argument. Adhering Steadfastly to his strong convictions, Wertheim invites his audience to enter the sanctum of his inner thinking, and there he sets out in logical array the beliefs that are responsible for his clearly stated conclusions. The latter are always positive, vigorous and challenging. Both the political and economic aspects of the Jewish rebirth in Eretz Israel he analyzes according to a carefully conceived doctrine, and even those who differ with him acknowledge the sincerity with which he clings to his principles. That differences will inevitably arise nobody knows better than Wertheim himself, who has lived with his fellow Jews too long to expect of them unity of opinion, but he likewise knows that he has pleaded his case the more eloquently by refusing to conceal its ideology. Whether we must adopt in its entirety the Wertheim philosophy is open to debate; whether we must follow his example in being faithful to our best vision is not.

To one who will not barter his intellectual honesty we gladly say, Shalom!

The Breakfast Club

In no organized group of young people in Ottawa Jewry can greater promise he found for the future of the community than in the Hanoar Study and Breakfast Club. Aproximately fifty boys, varying in age from thirteen to sixteen, assemble every Sunday morning in the synagogue to put on their tefillin and pray together, and afterwards, at a breakfast arranged by the Vaad Ha'Ir, to conduct a cultural program so splendid that adult groups would be hard pressed to excel them. To keep the activities in conformity with the nature of healthy, growing boys, an athletic schedule during the week is included.

What distinguishes the organization, in particular as to its impact on the coming years, is the unmistakably Jewish quality of its projects. With an unfortunate tendency in senior and junior groups alike to keep tradition and faith on the periphery of interest, to recognize them primarily in refraining from contradicting them, it is heartening to observe a number of boys who are banded together in order to practice the teachings of the Torah and to learn the content of Judaism. Thus, guest speakers and visitors at the Club are always impressed by the intelligent questions that will be raised in the discussion period, and by the enthusiasm the members show for topics that elsewhere would beget a frosty indifference.

Such boys deserve more attention on the part of their elders. With a few notable exceptions, the men and women of Ottawa do not take the trouble to watch the progress of the Club and to encourage it While Director Hy Bessin is doing a magnificent job, he would undoubtedly welcome some form of Big Brother movement, so that several young men would be present every Sunday morning to show an interest in what is being done, to offer prizes, outings, and treats from time to time. Fortunately, attendance proves satisfactory without these attractions, but our city should show that it understands the merit of an institution where Jewish consciousness is maintained at a high level. The evidence of appreciation today will bring ample dividends in communal loyalties tomorrow.

QUESTIONS

Read the Historic Text on Page 4 of this Bulletin. Then ask, "In the meantime, why cannot the doors of these lands be thrown open to the victims who have escaped, and need a place in which to settle? And why, why is Palestine still restricted to Jewish immigration?"

A Chalutzim Campaign Message

As Chairman of the 18th Chalutzim Campaign in Ottawa, which will open on Sunday January the 10th at 6.30 p..m. in the Talmud Torah Hall, I am very happy to give my time for an ideal for which I have worked for the greater part of my life.

The Histadruth groups in Ottawa have always ansewered the call for service in every Zionist undertaking, regardless of party as long as Palestine has benefited.

On this occasion I am asking every Jew and Zonist to bear in mind that when a certain Zionist group undertakes a campaign for funds, it does not mean that the money collected is being used only for that particular goup and that no ohers will benefit. Every dollar that any Zionist group collects, goes directly or indirectly to the entire Jewish Palestine. The sooner we all realize the imporance of working together, the greater the help will be.

To-day none of us can make a better investment than to help the builders of Palestine prepare new homes for our own relatives, that by some good fortune will have the strength to leave the ghettos of Europe, to come to their homeland after this war of extermination.

In the name of our unfortunate brothers and sisters of Europe, I am asking every Jew in Ottawa to participate in this great work of redemption. Come and give whatever you can. You are not giving for others but for your own. May God bless the hands that help in this hour of need.

Our minimum quota this year is $5,000. It is our earnest hope that you will support us in reaching this new objective as you have supported us in the past.

A. L. ACHBAR,

Chairman.

Rabbi Fasman Away

Rabbi Fasman has been invited by his Alma Mater, the Hebrew Theological Collge of Chicago, to be the Chairman of its Twenty-First Anniversary celebration at the Hotel Sherman on January 10. He will therefore be absent from the city from January 7 until Jan. 13. During his visit he will be the guest speaker at the Oneg Shabbat of the Anshei Darom Congregation in the southside of Chicago.

SHABBOS CANDLES

Jan. 8	5.19	p.m.
Jan. 15	5.28	"
Jan. 22	5.37	"
Jan. 29	5.47	"
Feb. 5	5.57	"

J. N. F. NEEDS HELPERS

Since many of those who helped in the collection of J. N. F. boxes are on active service, the Ottawa Council of J. N. F. asks that those who can give time to this important work should inform Mr. Alex. Caplan.

Local medical men report that an appeal to the Jewish Community to give blood to a young patient in a critical condition brought so generous a response that Ottawa Jewry may well be proud of its sympathetic heart.

AID TO RUSSIA

All the known records for income on a tea were broken last month, when an Aid-to-Russia Tea brought almost $650.

FIGS, DATES, ETC.

The holiday of Palestinian fruits, Chavisho Oser Bishvat, occurs this year Wednesday night and Thursday, Jan. 20-21. Besides having on your table the fruits associated in the Bible with the Holy Land, such as figs and dates, you should remember that the Jewish National Fund celebrates in modern Palestine with tree-planting, and contributing to that Fund is therefore appropriate on this festival.

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RABBI EXAMINES CLASSES.

At the end of December Rabbi Fasman visited the classes in the Ottawa Talmud Torah, both in the main building and in the uptown branch, to see what progress the pupils had made during the first quarter of their studies. He was highly pleased with the results, especially since a great many of the children included in their replies lengthy verses of the Chumash and Nebiim in the original Hebrew, while carrying on discussions in modern Hebrew.

The teachers whose pupils distinguished themselves are Rabbi B. Kravetz, Mr. B. Clodman, Mr. S. Shapiro, and Mr. S. Ben-Gali. Synagogue-goers will also testify to the sterling Haftorah teaching of Mr. E. Slonemsky, veteran of the staff.

NOTICE, BOYS!

The Hanoar Study and Breakfast Club will begin to hold its sessions at the Cong. Adath Jeshurun, King Edward Avenue, on Jan. 17th.

A Historic Text

A joint declaration issued simultaneously in Washington, London and Moscow, reads:

"The attention of the Belgian, Czechoslovak, Greek, Luxenbourg, Netherlands, Norwegian, Polish, Soviet, United Kingdom, United States and Yugoslav governments and also of the French National Committee has been drawn to numerous reports from Europe that the German authorities, not content with denying to persons of Jewish race in all the territories over which their barbarous rule has been extended, the most elementary human rights, are now carrying into effect Hitler's oft-repeated intention to exterminate the Jewish people in Europe.

"From all the occupied countries Jews are being transported in conditions of appalling horror and brutality to eastern Europe. In Poland, which has been made the principal Nazi slaughter house, the ghettos established by the German invader are being systematically emptied of all Jews except a few highly skilled workers required for war industries.

"None of those taken away are ever heard of again. The able-bodied are slowly worked to death in labor camps. The infirm are left to die of cold-blooded extermination. They declare that such events can only strengthen the resolve of all freedom loving peoples to overthrow the barbarous Hitlerite tyranny. They reaffirm their solemn resolution to insure that those responsible for these crimes shall not escape retribution and to press on with the necessary practical measures to this end."

YOUR RABBI SAID

Tefillin are a microfilm of Judaism; read large, they reveal all our religious and social responsibilities.... Just as a great canvas is made up of parts in each of which the artist displays his genius, so is the masterpiece that is Israel composed of family units in which sanctity of living prevails.... A Jewish home is not furnished properly unless books of Jewish interest are included on its shelves.

Synagogue Burns Mortgage

The Cong. Agudath Achim, Rideau St., has freed itself of indebtedness on its beautiful building after a successful High Holiday campaign. An informal dinner will be held at the Talmud Torah on January 17, when the three oldest members, Messrs. D. Addleman, F. Betcherman and S. Cohen will have the honor of burning the mortgage. Mr. Michael Greenberg, the president, will be chairman of the evening, and Mr. Myer Drazin, the vice-president, will give a history of the congregation. Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman and Cantor Aron Weiss will participate in the program. Honored guests will be Mr. A. J. Freiman, president of the Vaad Ha'Ir, and the presidents of the sister congregations.

The children of he Talmud Torah Choir will sing Hebrew songs, and selections will be rendered by prominent local musicians.

Past-presidents who will be given an opportunity to greet the gathering and reminisce from the rich forty-year record of Agudath Achim include Messrs. H. Finkelstein, I. Sugarman, S. Spevak, Alex. Betcherman, M. J. Sachs and T. Sachs. (The immediate past-president, Mr. S. Berger, K.C., is on active service overseas.) Tribute will be paid to the memory of the deceased past-presidents A. Brahinsky, S. Coplan, M. Doctor, A. L. Florence.

Mrs. A. Brunberg, president of the Agudath Achim Sisterhood, will speak in behalf of the women, whose past-presidents will have a reserved table and a chance to say a few words.

Because of the limited accommodations at the Talmud Torah auditorium, the occasion will be limited to members and their wifes.

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Hebrew Circle Formed

Dr. Simon Ginzburg, a world-famous figure in Hebrew literature, was instrumental during a brief visit here last month in helping to form a Chug Ivri, a Hebrew Circle, under the chairmanship of Mr. B. Clodman. After addressing a small group of Hebrew enthusiasts on the "Life and Works of Moses Hayim Luzzato", Dr. Ginzburg called upon his listeners to create such a group, so that Ottawa would be included in the international picture of cultural societies that keep the Hebrew language alive in the Diaspora.

All those who are interested in this ideal are invited to enroll their names with the secretary of the Chug, Rabbi B. Kravetz.

NAMING THE BABY

In seeking an English equivalent for a Jewish name, a translation is often more satisfactory than using the same letters. Thus, "Faigel" may be "Avis" as well as "Fanny", and "Chaya" may be "Vivian" as well as "Henrietta". A daughter should be named at the reading of the Torah, on Monday, Thursday, or Saturday morning, or on Saturday afternoon.

HARRY GOLDMAN TOASTED

Mr. L. Harry Goldman, the secretay of the Vaad Ha'Ir, the Adjutant of the Air Cadets, the secretary of the J.D.C. campaign, and co-secretary this year of the Talmud Torah campaign, was generously toasted and good-naturedly roasted by many well-wishers and friends at the Talmud Torah on December 22nd, prior to his marriage to Miss Amelia Levine of Fredericton on December 27th. A beautiful set of silverware was presented to him at the close of the evening.